



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Sharon B. PAYTON et al

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Serial No.: 09/842,195

Examiner: C. Paden

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For: pH CONTROL OF SAUCES USED ON ACIDIFIED PASTA OR RICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: